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such antiquities could not be themselves procured and preserved in the Museum, it was very important to have correct drawings of them made to scale, as this was. The chalice was of silver, and stood $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches high; the bowl was $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches in diameter, and the foot, which was octagonal, with eight segments of circles, as the bases of each of the triangles of the octagon, was 5 inches from point to point, and 4 inches from hollow to hollow.

Round the foot ran the following inscription:—

ih̄s. Conosus Maguir rex fermanach me fi. fe. m°. cccc°. xxix°.

Dr. Todd showed that this was the Cuchonacht Maguire, chief of Fermanagh, who was murdered by his own relatives in 1537. At that year the Four Masters record his death, and give him a high character for virtue, piety, and devotion to the Church,—so that it was quite in accordance with his character to find his name on a sacramental chalice. He was buried at first in an island in Loch Erne, where there was a small monastic establishment, but his remains were afterwards removed to the Abbey of Donegal by the Franciscan friars of that monastery, and interred there with great solemnity.

The following Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant was adopted by the Academy:—

“ To His Excellency George William Frederick Earl of Carlisle, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, &c.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ We, the President, Council, and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg to tender to your Excellency our respectful congratulations on your return to this country in the high office of Her Majesty's Representative.

“ In approaching your Excellency as the Visitor of the Academy, appointed by our Charter, it is with pleasure we re-

cognise in you, not only the Representative of our gracious Sovereign, but also the man of letters, whose cultivated mind and varied and eminent attainments point him out as individually qualified for such a position, independently of any civil or official rank.

“ Your Excellency is already well acquainted with the literary and scientific institutions of Ireland, and you are therefore aware that the Academy was founded by the Charter of His Majesty King George III. for promoting the study of the Abstract and Physical Sciences, Polite Literature, and Antiquities.

“ It may be necessary to say, that since the period of your Excellency’s former residence in Dublin, we have obtained, from the liberality of Government, a large and convenient residence, much better adapted to our purposes than that which was formerly occupied by the Academy, and provided with ample accommodation for our Library, as well as for our Museum, which can now be displayed and arranged as its importance and national character deserves.

“ The Museum, which is confined to Irish Antiquities, has of late years received great and valuable additions, chiefly from the liberal contributions of the zealous friends of Irish history and antiquities, amongst whom it is gratifying to us to be able to reckon your Excellency, and to thank you for a contribution to this department of our labours, transmitted to us immediately on your arrival here, and before you had publicly entered upon your Viceregal duties.

“ It is not for us to speak of the merit of the literary efforts of our members, which have been published in our Transactions and Proceedings : we would only remark, that we have endeavoured to cultivate the branches of learning to which our Academy is devoted, in such a manner as to hold out to every one, with strict impartiality, that meed of praise and of honour which his exertions and attainments have earned.

“ Ireland is now, we trust, recovering from the late cala-

mitous difficulties which depressed her trade and impoverished her people; and we earnestly hope that your Excellency's administration, in giving force to the impetus which she has already received, will be crowned with that successful promotion of all useful arts, whether literary or practical, which we know it will be your Excellency's most anxious wish to cultivate, and with which we believe the true peace, prosperity, and happiness of Ireland will always be identified."